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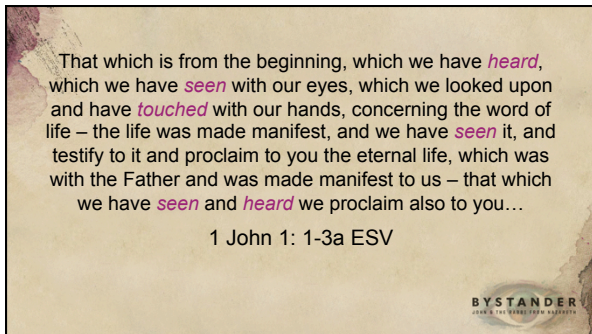
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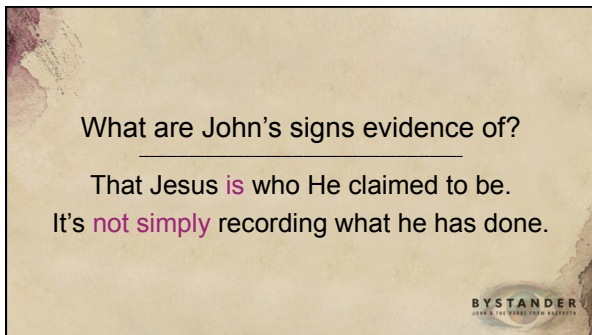
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Now Jesus did many other **signs** in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but **these** are written so that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have **life** in his name.

*John 20: 30-31 ESV*




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And this is **eternal life**, that they [us] may **know** you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

*John 17:3 ESV*




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**John's gospel: seven signs**

1. **The Wine Maker:** Six Stone Jars and a Nudge (John 2: 1-12)
2. **The Choreographer:** Long Distance Healing (John 4: 43-54)
- **The Rule Breaker:** It's Never Too Late (John 5: 1-15)
4. **Lord Algebra:**  $5 + 2 = 5,000$  w/R 12 (John 6: 1-15; 25-69)
5. **The Water Walker:** Faith is Spelled R.I.S.K (John 6: 16-24)
6. **The Eye Opener:** Never Say Never (John 9: 1-12)
7. **The Grave Robber:** Punctuating His Power (John 11: 1-44)
- **Easter Invitation to Believe:** What do you believe?




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Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

John 6:5 ESV



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One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

John 6:8-9 ESV



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5000 men? Do only they count?

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Certainly women and children present. Perhaps 15,000+ were there.

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Foreshadowing of what's to come. 5000 men would be equivalent to a Roman legion of soldiers.



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Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures to **eternal life**, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the work of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you **believe** in him whom he has sent."  
John 6:27-30 ESV



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So they said to him, "Then what **sign** do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"  
John 6:30-31 ESV



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Now the rabble that was among them had a **strong craving**. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We **remember** the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But not our strength is dried up, and there is **nothing at all** but this manna to look at."  
Numbers 11: 4-6 ESV



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What are your appetites (desires) **craving**?  
Where are they pointing you to find **life**?



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We are half-hearted creatures fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. **We are far too easily pleased.**  
C.S. Lewis



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“Truly, Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood there is no life in you.  
John 6:53 ESV



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After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of **eternal life...**"

John 6:66-69



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"If anyone would come after me, **let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life or my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

Matthew 16:24-26



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To whom or to where are you going for life? Do you think, like Peter, that Jesus possesses the way of eternal life?



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Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24-25 ESV



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Let's seek to follow Jesus because he has already provided what is essential for the good life:

- Himself
- A reconciled relationship to God the Father
- The Spirit to guide, empower, and teach us



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